

lawyers 25% of past-due benefits in conjunction with this action. (Id.). To further explain why she cannot pay the costs of these proceedings, the Plaintiff states: “There is hardly ever enough money to pay all our bills.” (Id.).

The Court is not satisfied that the Plaintiff lacks sufficient funds with which to pay the filing fee. The Plaintiff’s spouse recently received a pay increase, and consequently, the couple’s monthly income exceeds the household’s monthly expenses by more than \$275. Therefore, Plaintiff’s Application will be denied without prejudice for Plaintiff to either pay the filing fee or more fully explain her inability to pay the costs of these proceedings.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that:

- (1) Plaintiff’s Application to Proceed in District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs, (Doc. No. 2), is **DENIED** without prejudice to pay the filing fee or refile an Application within **20 days** of this Order.
- (2) If Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this Order, the Complaint will be dismissed without prejudice and this case will be closed without further notice.

Signed: October 7, 2021



Kenneth D. Bell
United States District Judge

